

Priority Areas for On-Site Conservation:

Trees, shrubs, and plants in priority areas shall be retained and protected, and shall be left in an undisturbed condition. The Applicant must demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Department that reasonable efforts have been made to protect them. Priority areas include:

(a) Hydrologically-sensitive areas, including the 100-year floodplain and all other floodplains listed in the Zoning Ordinance, Section 1-19-326, as amended; streams and their buffers; steep slopes (25 percent) contiguous to or within 50 feet of hydrologically-sensitive areas; and wetlands;

(b) Forest segments that connect large forested or heavily vegetated tracts of land within or adjacent to the site;

(c) Areas that contain trees, shrubs, or plants identified as rare, threatened, or endangered by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service or the Department of Natural Resources; and

(d) Critical habitat areas for sedentary animal species, identified as threatened, endangered or in-need-of-conservation under the Maryland Nongame and Endangered Species Conservation Act, Natural Resources Article, 10-2A-01—10-2A-09, Annotated Code of Maryland.